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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Draft resolution proposed by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 47/422 of 9 December 1992, by which it decided to reconvene meetings of the First Committee from 8 to 12 March 1993 in order to reassess the multilateral arms control and disarmament machinery, in particular the respective roles of the First Committee, the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament and their interrelationship, as well as the role of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, including ways and means to enhance the functioning and efficiency of the said machinery,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", 1/

Taking note also of the views of Member States on that report,

Taking note further of the report of the Conference on Disarmament on its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General, 2/ as well as its report

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1/ A/C.1/47/7.

2/ A/C.1/47/14, annex I.

on the ongoing review of the agenda, composition and methods of work of the Conference, 3/

Recalling the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 4/ the first special session devoted to disarmament,

Having considered the views expressed by Member States at the resumed session of the First Committee on these questions,

Conscious that the new international situation has enhanced the prospects for disarmament and arms regulation, which is conducive to further multilateral efforts in disarmament,

Stressing the need for the multilateral arms control and disarmament machinery to respond to the new multifaceted realities of international security,

Noting that a review is being undertaken regarding the allocation of agenda items to the Main Committees of the General Assembly,

Noting also the continuing review of the role and resources of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in order to strengthen its effective functioning,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's statement of 9 March 1993, that the Secretariat's capabilities are being strengthened to enable it to discharge its responsibilities effectively,

Desiring to enhance the effective functioning of the present multilateral disarmament machinery,

1. Decides that the First Committee of the General Assembly, in pursuit of its efforts to respond to the new realities of international security, should continue to deal with the questions of disarmament and related international security issues;

2. Requests the Chairman of the First Committee to continue his consultations on the further rationalization of the work and the effective functioning of the Committee, taking into account all the views and proposals presented to the First Committee, including those related to the thematic clustering of agenda items;

3. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Disarmament Commission as a specialized deliberative body within the United Nations disarmament machinery, and takes note of the progress achieved in its ongoing process of reform;

3/ Ibid., annex II.

4/ Resolution S-10/2.

4. Recommends that every effort be made to continue to enhance the working methods of the United Nations Disarmament Commission so as to enable it to give focused consideration to a limited number of priority issues in the field of disarmament, and to that end welcomes the decision of the Commission to move its agenda towards a three-item phased approach;

5. Takes note of the fact that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single global disarmament negotiating forum, is a body of limited composition taking its decisions on the basis of consensus and maintains its special status in relationship with the United Nations disarmament machinery;

6. Welcomes the fact that the Conference on Disarmament, in addition to the review of its composition, has also intensified the review of its agenda and methods of work, with a view to reaching prompt decisions on these questions;

7. Encourages the Conference on Disarmament to reach early agreement on the expansion of its membership;

8. Stresses the importance of further enhancing the dialogue and cooperation among the First Committee, the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament;

9. Urges the Secretary-General to take concrete steps to strengthen the Office for Disarmament Affairs in order to ensure that it has the necessary means and resources to carry out its mandated tasks;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report on those steps to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

11. Decides to review these questions at its forty-eighth session.